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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE GENERAL DEBATE

1. THE SECOND COMMITTEE COMMENCED A GENERAL DEBATE ON SEPTEMBER 26. THE DEBATE IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO END ON OCTOBER 3. AT THE FIRST SESSION THERE WERE ONLY TWO SPEAKERS: THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR AND THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CMEA).

2. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT ATTENTIVE TO THE FIRST TWO SPEAKERS ON ITS GENERAL DEBATE LIST. ASIDE FROM THE INHERENT DULLNESS OF THE TWO SPEAKERS, DELEGATIONS WERE OTHERWISE PREOCCUPIED CONSULTING WITH ONE ANOTHER ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL DEBATE AND ENGAGING IN GENERAL "CORRIDOR" GOSSIP AND CONSULTATIONS. BY THE END OF THE TWO-HOUR COMMITTEE SESSION, THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THE LIST FOR THE GENERAL DEBATE HAD MULTIPLIED BY 5. THERE ARE NOW 50 SPEAKERS LISTED, MOST OF THEM TENTATIVELY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA, AND VERY TENTATIVELY THE UK, ALL OF THE REMAINING INSCRIPTIONS ARE LDC'S OR EASTERN EUROPEANS. THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE MAKING A DECISION ON SPEAKING DURING THE SECOND COMMITTEE GENERAL DEBATE ON SEPTEMBER 29. IF THE U.S. DOES DECIDE TO SPEAK, A LARGE NUMBER OF

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DELEGATIONS ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW ITS EXAMPLE.

3. AS USUAL, MOST DELEGATIONS HAVE INDICATED A PREFERENCE TO SPEAK TOWARD THE END OF THE GENERAL DEBATE. THUS, THERE ARE 16 SPEAKERS SLATED FOR THE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, PM SESSION. IF ALL PRE-INSCRIBED DO, IN FACT, SPEAK, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GENERAL DEBATE WILL GO ON BEYOND OCTOBER 3.

4. THE UKRAINIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT DETENTE PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO PURSUE AND ACHIEVE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES. HE DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN "SO-CALLED INTERDEPENDENCE," SOMETIMES USED AS A PRETEXT FOR NEO-COLONIALIST INTERFERENCE WITH THE RIGHT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXERCISE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, ETC, AND INTERDEPENDENCE MARKED BY IMMACULATE RESPECT FOR THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL NATIONS ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, THE UKRAINIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID (Q) THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD BE REVISED TO ENCOMPASS APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS), AND (2) THAT QUATITATIVE TARGETS OFTEN TIMES CONCEALED MORE THAN THEY REVEALED AND THAT SOME DEVICE SHOULD BE FOUND TO REFLECT WHETHER OR NOT GOVERNMENTS WERE IMPLEMENT " PROGRESSIVE MEASURES ."

5. THE CMEA REPRESENTATIVE RECITED STATISTICS REGARDING THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM COOPERATION FROM AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CMEA.
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